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OFFICE ACTION

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Applicable Provision Patent Law Article 29 Paragraph 1 and 2

The present application is rejected for the following reasons. An argument against this notification may, if any, be filed within 60 days from the date of delivery of the notification.

REASON

1. The inventions in the claims listed below of the subject application should not be granted a patent under the provision of Article 29, Paragraph 1 (iii) of the Japanese Patent Law, since it could have become to be available to the public by the invention described in the publication listed below which was distributed in Japan or foreign countries or through the telecommunication line prior to the filing of the subject application.

2. The inventions in the claims listed below of the subject application should not be granted a patent under the provision of Article 29, Paragraph 2 of the Japanese Patent Law, since it could have easily been made by persons who have common knowledge in the technical field to which the inventions pertain, on the basis of the invention described in the publication listed below which was distributed in Japan or foreign countries prior to the filing of the subject application was become to be available to

the public through the telecommunication line.

NOTE (Cited references are listed in the "List of Cited References" below)

- Reason 1-2 / Claims: 1-10 / Cited Reference: 1-2

- Remarks:

It is described in the cited references 1-2 that in a solid polymer electrolyte fuel cell, a frame seal which was molded in advance with a location of keeping a cell on circumference of an electrolyte film is hot pressed so as to produce a cell unit by the seal.

In addition, since it is described in the cited references 1 that it is hot pressed after coating phenolic resin as an adhesive on a both sides of the above mentioned seal and it is described in the cited references 2 that a reinforcer is inserted into a seal material ([0046]), for that reason, each cited reference substantively discloses the structure of the invention of the pending application and the structure of the invention of the pending application can be easily made by person skilled in the art by combining disclosure and public technology.

List of Cited References

1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H08-078028
2. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H09-147891

Record of the result of prior art document search

Technical Field to be searched IPC 7, H01M8/00-8/24

Prior Art Reference

This record of the result of prior art reference search is not a component(s) of the reasons for rejection.

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